

Polling Place Accessibility Requirements

1. Parking Area

Sections 11B-208, 11B-302, and 11B-502

If there is a parking lot at the polling place, it shall provide accessible parking. The number of accessible spaces shall be provided according to Table 1 below. (CCR, 11B-208.2.)

Table 1
Minimum number of accessible spaces required.

Total Number of Parking Spaces in Lot or Garage	Minimum Required Number of Spaces
1-25	1
26-50	2
51-75	3
76-100	4
101-150	5
151-200	6
201-300	7
301-400	8
401-500	9
501-1,000	Two Percent of Total
1,001 and over	20, plus 1 for each 100, or fraction thereof over 1001

To use Table 1, count the total number of parking spaces in the parking lot or garage. If the total number of spaces is from 1 to 25, look in the right column to find that at least one of those 25 spaces must be an accessible space. If the total number of parking spaces is 520, multiply the 520 by 2 percent to determine that 10.4 accessible spaces are required. Round the 10.4 up to the next whole number to find that 11 is the correct number of accessible spaces required for that parking lot.

If off-street parking spaces are available at the polling place, at least one van-accessible parking space shall be designated for use by people with disabilities. For every 6 accessible spaces, there shall be 1 van accessible space. (CCR, Section 11B-208.2.4.) (See Table 2 below.)

The van accessible space shall be a minimum of 18 feet deep outlined to provide 9 feet for parking and 8 feet for loading and unloading. (CCR, Section 11B-502.) Van accessible spaces shall have the access aisle on the passenger side of the parking space. (CCR, Section 11B-502.3.4.)

Table 2
Required number of van accessible spaces.

Number of Accessible Spaces in Lot or Garage	Minimum Required Van Accessible Spaces
1 to 6	1
7 to 12	2
13 to 18	3
19 to 24	4
25 to 30	5

Additional auto accessible spaces, if required by the Polling Place Accessibility Checklist (PPAC), shall be a minimum of 14 feet wide and outlined to provide 9 feet for parking and 5 feet for loading and unloading. Access aisles may be located on either side of auto accessible spaces. (CCR, Sections 11B-502.2, 11B-502.3, and 11B-502.3.4, Exception.) See Figure 1 below. The accessible parking spaces and loading/unloading areas shall not exceed 2 percent slope in any direction. (CCR, Section 11B-502.4, Exception.)

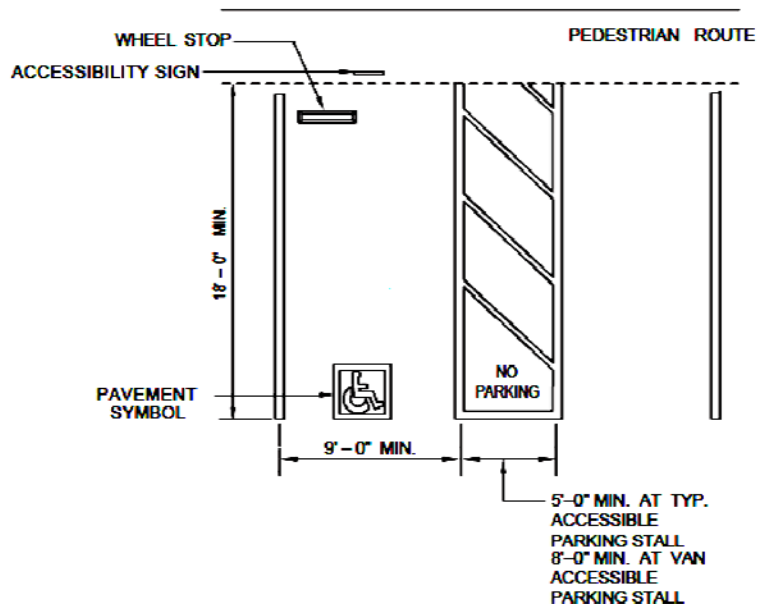


Figure 1. An accessible parking stall.

The distance from the designated accessible parking area shall be on the shortest accessible route to an accessible entrance. (CCR, Section 11B-208.3.1.) The shorter the distance to the voting area, the easier it is for voters with heart and lung conditions or other mobility disabilities to vote on Election Day. To provide an accessible path of travel that is also a safe path of travel, the accessible parking spaces shall be arranged so a voter using an accessible space is not required to travel behind any vehicle other than their own. (CCR, Section 11B-502.7.1.) The requirement for a stable, firm, and

slip-resistant path of travel found in Section 2 Path of Travel shall also apply to the accessible parking space and access aisle surfaces. (CCR, Sections 11B-302.1, and 11B-502.4.)

Every accessible parking space shall be clearly marked by a sign having the required International Symbol of Accessibility (ISA). The words “Van Accessible” or an additional sign with the words “Van Accessible” shall be added underneath the ISA if the space is intended to be van accessible. Accessible parking signage shall be mounted on a pole or wall at the front of the space at a minimum of 60 inches above the finish floor or ground surface measured to the bottom of the lowest sign. Signs located within an accessible route shall be a minimum of 80 inches above the finish floor or ground surface measured to the bottom of the lowest sign. (CCR, Section 11B-502.6 and Exception.) See Figure 2.



Figure 2. Blue and white signs for van accessible parking and the international symbol of accessibility. The signs are connected to a metal pole.

At polling places where parking is provided in a parking structure, all vehicular entrances to and vertical clearances within the parking structure that lead to the accessible parking spaces shall have a minimum vertical clearance of 8 feet 2 inches . This height is required to ensure a safe vehicular path of travel to the accessible parking spaces. (CCR, Section 11B-502.5.)

Drop-off zones may be provided at some polling places. These drop-off zones shall provide a level vehicular pull-up space 8 feet wide minimum by 20 feet long minimum. (CCR, Section 11B-503.2.) Drop-off zones shall provide an access aisle minimum 60 inches wide and shall extend the full length of the vehicular pull up space they serve. (CCR, Sections 11B-503.3.1 and 11B-503.3.2.) Access aisles shall be marked with a painted borderline around their perimeter. The area within the borderlines shall be marked with hatched lines in a color contrasting with that of the aisle surface and shall not overlap the vehicular way. (CCR, Section 11B-503.3.3.) Access aisle surfaces shall be level, stable, firm, and slip-resistant. (CCR, Section 11B-503.4) See Figure 3. Drop-off zones constructed prior to January 1, 2014, may have access aisles measuring 60 inches wide by 20 feet long without markings.

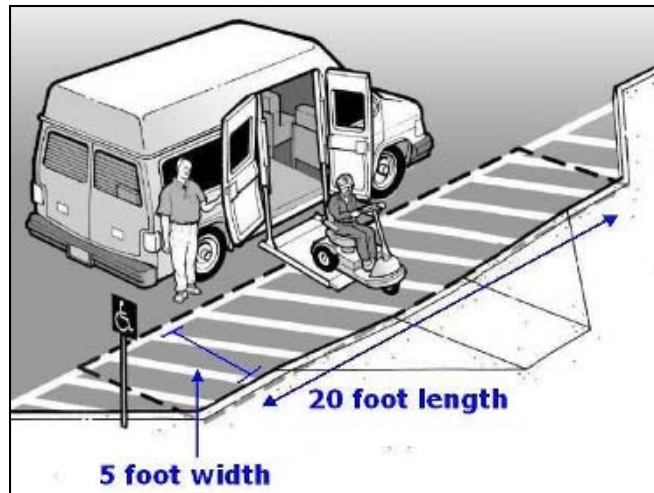


Figure 3. Drop-off zone for passengers.

When necessary, temporary modifying equipment or measures may be used to provide compliance at accessible parking spaces and passenger drop-off zones.